

EUGENE P. LAIRD NAMED TO SUCCEED PHENNEGER

Appointed Division Superintendent of Coast Line With Headquarters Here.

WILL DIRECT IMPORTANT WORK Railroad Plans to Enlarge Freight Terminals and Greatly Extend Facilities at This Point—Division Is All Double-Track.

Eugene P. Laird, of Rocky Mount, has been appointed superintendent of the Richmond Division of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, with headquarters here. The new superintendent succeeds Ernest Phenneger, resigned, and has already taken up his new duties.

Laird has been in the employment of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for the past eight years. He is a railroad man of wide experience, having been connected previously with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, and the Ohio River Railroad. His first work with the Atlantic Coast Line was as assistant engineer, and, at the time of his appointment to the superintendency, he was engineer of highways, with headquarters at Rocky Mount.

The new superintendent is a West Virginian by birth. While never working here before, he is well known among local railroad men through official visits here. As soon as he can make arrangements, Mr. Laird will be in the city to take up his duties. He is the guest of Harry E. Bruffey, trainmaster of this division.

IMPORTANT IN SYSTEM Mr. Laird, through his appointment, becomes the head of one of the most important divisions of the road. The division is between Richmond and Rocky Mount, a distance of 121 miles. The road is double-tracked the entire length, and is equipped with the most up-to-date automatic block systems. The division is of greater importance because of the fact that Richmond is the northern terminus of the road, and all of the freight and passenger connections to and from the North and West are handled over it.

Within the next few months it is expected that the Atlantic Coast Line will begin to contemplate improvements of its freight terminals here. It has purchased a large block of ground bounded by Seventh and Ninth Streets, and extending back from its present yard to the canal. This property cost more than \$500,000, and it is expected that Richmond will be made the chief freight terminal of the new superintendency to direct this big work.

Church Christmas Sales. The Covenant Camp Fire Girls will hold a handkerchief sale to-morrow in the lecture-room of the Church of the Covenant. The sale will be held from 10 o'clock until 6 o'clock. In the afternoon tea will be served. The societies of the First Presbyterian Church will hold their annual Christmas sale to-day. Lunch and dinners will be served.

The Christmas sale of Hanover Avenue Christian Church will be held on Wednesday until Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the coming week. The sale will be held in the shop of the London Raincoat Company.

REPORT ON WEAKNESS OF NATIONAL DEFENSES

(Continued From First Page.) Cavalry, which aggregates 4,940 officers and enlisted men.

"The deficiency in horses for the field artillery is even greater than that of the cavalry. There are no animals for the signal or sanitary troops."

"As regards wagon transportation, the militia, as now organized, is deficient 1,384 wagons. Should the militia be assembled into divisions and separate brigades, the deficit would be 5,536 wagons. There are no draft animals available. These deficiencies in material are very important, inasmuch as they must be supplied before the organized militia forces can be made available for field operations."

"That we cannot, with our present strength, rapidly assemble a sufficient force, fully equipped for field operations, to meet such an expedition as might be dispatched against our shores is evident," declares General Wetherup.

REPORT TO BE TEXTBOOK OF CONGRESSMAN GARDNER

In this report, which will be made in the textbook of Congressman Gardner and others who are seeking an investigation which will bring out the full truth of the condition of the national defenses, General Wetherup follows the example of other chiefs of staff, recommends a mobile army fully equipped with 500,000 as adequate to the needs of the nation. And on the all-important question of arms and ammunition for this force he says: "One illustration will be sufficient, and that is the fact that in the munitions most necessary for war as rifles and field artillery. The proper proportion of rifles in a force of this character, including the navy, which is armed with the rifle, would be 44.5 per cent."

"The minimum accumulated supply of rifle ammunition, based on 1,000 rounds per rifle, should be 445,000,000 rounds. The proper proportion of field and heavy guns of the mobile type and exclusive of the gigantic guns of war of more recent introduction, drawn by tractors, no types of which have as yet been developed in this country, would be 10 per cent. Munition for this type of gun, based upon a supply of 5,000 rounds per light field gun, with a corresponding proportion of the heavier field guns, a conservative estimate, if we regard the examples of the great military nations, would be 11,700,000 rounds.

"It is sufficient to point out that at the present time we have on hand and being manufactured 698,374 United States rifles and 241,000,000 rounds of ammunition for these rifles; 852 field guns and 580,098 rounds of ammunition for these guns.

"As the factories and works in this country are exceedingly limited, it is evident that a full supply of this type of material must be stored and ready for use before war is undertaken," declares General Wetherup.

WOOD ALSO CALLS ATTENTION TO SHORTAGE

General Wood, in a report which he submitted on the day he retired as chief of staff six months ago, said: "In addition to the shortage of the field artillery organizations for the regular army, attention is again invited to the very alarming shortage of field artillery, guns and ammunition for the militia and volunteers, and to the fact that this class of material cannot be made quickly, but must be prepared in time of peace. A sum of money or effort will serve to overcome this shortage without the expenditure of such time as might be fatal to our chances in time of war. In my opinion, every effort should be made and continued to augment the supply of this material as rapidly as possible."

BANQUET TENDERED RAILROAD OFFICIALS

President George W. Stevens and Party Guests of Railway Y. M. C. A.

MANY RAILWAY MEN PRESENT Stevens Tells of Visiting Other Associations Along Line of C. & O., and Praises Work They Have Accomplished.

An elaborate banquet was given last night by the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association in honor of President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, and party, and other men of prominence. The affair was perhaps the most enjoyable social function ever given by the local association. More than 200 persons partook of the feast, which was prepared and served by members of the Women's Auxiliary Association. Kessnich's Orchestra furnished music.

President Stevens, with members of his party, is visiting the various railroad associations on his line, in his speech last night praised the local organizations for accomplishing much good, and expressed the hope that its work will continue to prosper. He told of visiting other associations, and said that he was convinced that the organizations were accomplishing much good, and that railroad men are deriving great benefit from them. In the absence of E. I. Ford, superintendent of the Chesapeake and Ohio at Richmond, H. G. Williams, trainmaster, introducing the various speakers. Governor Henry C. Stuart, Congressman Andrew Jackson Montague, Bishop Collins Deney, and Attorney General John Garland Ford addressed the assemblage, and brief speeches were made by Dr. John P. Munn, of New York, formerly president of the old Richmond Railway and Electric Company; John F. Moore, H. O. Williams, J. M. Dudley and others.

ATTEND BANQUET Testimonials were given by the following well-known railroad men: R. L. Deavers, conductor, Richmond, Fredrickburg and Potomac Railroad; A. G. Belcher, engineer, Southern Railway; G. P. Burke, fireman, Chesapeake and Ohio Railway; M. J. Anderson, pipe fitter, Chesapeake and Ohio Railway; Frank Paraker, "for the boys"; W. J. Jones, trainman, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and Lewis Hansen, station man.

The long banquet tables in the auditorium were tastefully decorated with ferns and with red and white roses rendered during the evening was an attractive feature of the event. Besides the orchestra music, the vocal selections were especially good. Mrs. A. W. Martenstein was accompanist, and the singers were: Miss Adelle Allen, soprano; Miss Amorette Allen, alto; Dr. Maurice Koblenzer, tenor; and Austin W. Martenstein, baritone.

RELIEF SHIPS ASSIGNED The Lynetta, 6,000 Tons, Will Carry Virginia's Contributions.

NEW YORK, December 3.—Massachusetts has been assigned by the American Commission for Relief in Belgium the largest ship thus far provided any of the twenty-five States assembling cargoes of foodstuffs for shipment to the starving Belgians. Vice-Chairman Lindon W. Bates announced to-day that the Lynetta, which is now in mid-Atlantic and will arrive at Hampton Roads some time next week, will be sent to Boston, where it will be placed at the disposal of the Massachusetts and New England committee. Dried codfish will constitute a considerable part of the New England cargo.

The ship John Hardy, about 6,000 tons, has been assigned to the State of Maryland, and the Lynetta, of the same tonnage, will carry Virginia's contributions.

GUARD AGAINST VANDALS Department of Interior Seeks Fund to Protect National Monuments.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, December 3.—The Department of the Interior has asked for a fund to be used to guard and preserve the national monuments of this country against relic seekers and vandals in general. The monuments described in the report are not only those in well-known places, but many old ruins, cliff dwellings and other antiquities of historic interest. It is suggested that the fund be sufficient to keep a superintendent at each of the named spots to keep them in order, as well as protect them.

BOARD MAKES HEAVY CUT IN ITS BUDGET

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) RALEIGH, N. C., December 3.—The State Board of Agriculture has succeeded in cutting the semiannual budget for department work from \$140,000 to the normal amount, to \$108,000, without reducing any salaries or abolishing any of the divisions of work. The board directed the legislative committee to expedite department work from \$140,000 to the normal amount, to \$108,000, without reducing any salaries or abolishing any of the divisions of work. The board directed the legislative committee to expedite department work from \$140,000 to the normal amount, to \$108,000, without reducing any salaries or abolishing any of the divisions of work.

STATE SENATOR ECHOLS VERY SERIOUSLY ILL

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) STAUNTON, Va., December 3.—Late Senator Edward Echols, chairman of the State Tax Commission, and former Lieutenant-Governor, is very seriously ill at his home here. His health has been failing for a long time, and his condition is now so grave that his physicians and friends are apprehensive of the outcome.

LUTHER L. SCHERER SHOT BY UNKNOWN MAN, WHO ESCAPES

(Continued From First Page.) Presentations to make conviction certain. Several years before the Beattie case Mr. Scherer obtained evidence which convicted the biggest gang of baggage thieves ever known to work anywhere in the country. One of them, a man named Miller, was arrested in New York, and was locked up in the Mulberry Street Station, from where he made his escape one night and finally got to England. He was arrested again in London, and was brought back by Detective Sergeants Wren and Bailey, who were assigned to the duty by the Governor. Mr. Scherer also had a large part in the arrest of Eddie Fay and "Little Dick" Harris, who several years ago robbed the Richmond post-office of more than \$76,000 worth of stamps. The two men were taken to New York, and on information received from the local police and from Mr. Scherer, were arrested in the Grand Central Station. Both men were convicted, and were sentenced to ten years each in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta. Mr. Scherer has figured in innumerable other cases.

MEMBER OF BOARD OF STATE PENITENTIARY

Mr. Scherer is a member of the board of directors of the Virginia State Penitentiary, and has taken a deep interest in the many reforms inaugurated at that institution during the present management. He has also served as a member of the board of visitors of the State Female Normal and Industrial School at Radford, and in other positions of trust and importance. He is only forty-eight years of age, and has won the high regard of his railway associates. President Stevens, giving personal instruction yesterday that everything be done for his relief, and directing that his office be kept constantly open, and that the condition of one of the most trusted of his lieutenants.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL NOW BEFORE COMMITTEE

Estimates From War Department Ask for Appropriations Aggregating Nearly \$50,000,000.

PROVIDE NO NEW PROJECTS Measure as Finally Reported to House Probably Will Not Call for More Than \$30,000,000 or \$35,000,000 for Improvements.

WASHINGTON, December 3.—Work of framing a rivers and harbors bill for the coming session of Congress was begun to-day by the Rivers and Harbors Committee, with estimates before it from the War Department, asking for appropriations aggregating nearly \$50,000,000 for waterway improvements. These estimates do not contemplate any new projects.

The plan to eliminate all new projects from the proposed bill and to cut the amount down to a minimum will, it is expected, precipitate a vigorous fight in the committee as well as later in both houses. Some committee members to-day predicted that when the measure finally is reported to the House it probably will not carry appropriations to exceed \$30,000,000 or \$35,000,000.

The biggest project contemplated is the improvement of the Mississippi River. The Mississippi River Commission recommended that \$12,000,000 be appropriated for improving the Mississippi River from the head of the passes to Girardeau or Rock Island, but this was cut in half by the army engineers in their recommendations to Congress. A still further cut of \$1,000,000 or so is possible in the committee according to the pending plans, \$2,000,000 for construction of levees up to Girardeau or Rock Island; \$500,000 or \$750,000 for dredging and administrative expenses, and the remainder for reversion of the river banks to prevent caving in. It is likely that the bill will carry a proposal to have the appropriation for levees applicable far north as Rock Island.

Several million dollars are contemplated in the estimates for improving the Upper Mississippi.

FORMER MINISTER KILLS IN DEFENSE OF HIS HOME

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BRISTOL, Va., December 3.—La Fayette Williams, a Virginian, who recently purchased a farm near Greentree, Tenn., fatally shot Anderson Laughlin, a stock dealer, in his home last night. Laughlin is said to have been intoxicated when he entered Williams' home and began shooting. Williams fired a charge of shot into Laughlin's stomach.

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"If in the future business expands unduly under the spirit of speculation, the day of reckoning will surely come in the future as it has in the past," he said. "Undue expansion will correct itself, just as the air bubble will ultimately burst, I believe. However, that the Federal reserve banking system will materially check undue expansion."

"It is a fact, however, that even under the Federal reserve system, the banks still have it in their power to permit, if not to encourage, undue speculative activity; and if they do this, the inevitable result—commercial stringency—must follow. When, however, the State banks and trust companies of the United States join the Federal reserve system (I hope in the near future), even that possibility will be greatly minimized."

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MOVING-PICTURE "SUICIDE" LEADS YOUTH TO REALITY

BRISTOL, Va., December 3.—Believed to have ended his life as the result of an impression made by a moving-picture scene, in which it is said the suicide of a girl was shown, Harmon Miller, nineteen years old, son of former Mayor Lee F. Miller of Elizabethton, Tenn., was found dead in his room yesterday with a pistol wound in his head and a revolver beside him. He had apparently shot himself. He retired last night, after returning from a moving-picture show, he carried a revolver in his room.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

Bradstreet's tomorrow will say for Richmond and vicinity: There appears little change of note in this week's trading in comparison with recent prevailing conditions, but the general tendency is to improvement. The near approach of the holiday season is giving stimulus to trading in seasonal commodities. Provisional wholesale prices are steady, with the exception of meats, food, products generally show a slight decrease in price, and this is particularly true of fresh fruits and vegetables. The cotton situation shows improvement and confidence is expressed in the plan outlined under the recent loan fund, which has been fully subscribed. Spot cotton is quoted at 12.50 cents. The market is much stronger, prices ranging up to 50 cents per bushel. Tobacco is now being marketed freely throughout this district. All classes and grades are selling at satisfactory prices, except dark tobacco for export trade. The price for bright leaf ranges up to 12 cents against 10 cents. Some sales of sun cured have been made at 12 to 13 hundred pounds. Retail trade in clothing and shoes is quiet, due to continued cold and warm weather. Wholesale drugs and chemicals are in better demand. The number of unemployed shows some increase locally. However, cotton and tobacco factories continue to operate at full capacity, with few exceptions. A considerable portion of the products of these industries being in demand for foreign shipment. Collections continue slow, and failures numerous.

PANICS DUE TO MISTRUST OF BANKS THING OF PAST

Religated to Museum of Antiquities by New Reserve System, Hamlin Declares.

MAKES SPEECH IN NEW YORK Governor of Federal Reserve Board Asserts That No Selfish Interest Assisted at Birth of New Act, and That Wilson Is Responsible.

NEW YORK, December 3.—Panic due to distrust of banks has been relegated to the museum of antiquities by the new reserve banking system, in the opinion of C. S. Hamlin, governor of the Federal Reserve Board, voiced this afternoon in a speech before the New York Chamber of Commerce.

"The Federal reserve system will relegate to its proper place, the museum of antiquities, the panic generated by distrust in our banking system leading to a struggle of self-preservation between bank and bank, and individual and individual, and ultimate hoarding by the people," Mr. Hamlin asserted. "Such hoarding usually follows hoarding by the banks and does not precede it. If hoarding by banks should cease, hoarding by individuals would never occur; and both, I believe, will be relegated to systems under the Federal reserve system."

Mr. Hamlin did not think that all panics would be done away with, of necessity, by the new system.

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In addition to members of the Rotary Club, all manufacturers of the city having displays at the Manufacturers' Exhibit have been invited to attend the function. The prime object of the affair is to boost Richmond-made goods, and to stimulate interest in the home manufacturing enterprise. The first part of the program of the event will be given in the Manufacturers' Exhibit hall, where practically every local manufacturing concern has on display a handsome exhibit. Later in the evening the guests will be entertained in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium.

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